



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hollinger *et al.*

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For: SELECTION SYSTEM

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) Examiner: D. Lambertson
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**Provisional Response to Restriction Requirement and Request for Reconsideration of
Restriction Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

This response is submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 2, 2004, for which a response is due on or before December 2, 2004. No fee is believed to be due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0219 to maintain the pendency of the present application.

I. Request for Reconsideration of Restriction Requirement

Under 37 C. F. R. § 1.143, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the restriction requirement dated November 2, 2004.

The Examiner restricted the invention as follows:

Group I	claims 1-4 and 9-27	method of detecting a protein-nucleic acid interaction using a hybrid protein comprising a σ 54 activator domain and a nucleic acid binding domain
Group II	claims 5-8 and 10-27	method of detecting a protein-protein interaction using a first and second hybrid protein, wherein one hybrid protein comprises a constitutively active σ 54 activator domain and the other protein comprises a nucleic acid binding domain